

Lewis Tappan

Dear Brother Phelps,

Jan. 10. 1839.

I am in the midst of my trial before the Syprian of the Tab. Chh. Charge, Slander &c. Specifications, the remarks made by me at a church meeting Sept. 24th in opposition to the motion that a case be given to Rev. Joel Parker. This matter was supposed to remain until Dec. 18, two days after a meeting of the Chh. when the Syprian advised the Chh not to unite with an Anti-Slavery Society, about to be formed in the church, & when I replied to the "advice" on the spot. At the first meeting of the Syprian after said meeting & the Chh it was voted that a citation be issued to me to appear before the Syprian Jan 8 (the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans) to answer the charge of "disorderly & unchristian conduct." All supposed that it had reference to the doings on the 16 Dec. but on Jan. 8, when the Specifications were for the first time handed to me I found that the Syprian (acting doubtless with reference to the existing state of things & under advice) referred back to Sept 24th for Specifications.

Last evening I requested a commission to take your testimony & brother Mahan's, but it was overruled.

Mr Parker told me once that he never signed the Dec. of Sent^l. and your Lectures, but that one

meeting you near the Parick chh in this city you
asked him to sign the Dec. He objected. You ob-
served, "Are you not in favor of free discussion?" He
said, "O, yes. Well", replied you, "that is all I want
your name for." He then authorized you to affix
his signature to the Decⁿ. He said, furthermore,
that in the fall of 1834 he mentioned there
circumstances to me, but I told him I had no
recollection of his so doing.

Last evening he & Mr. Sipsin seemed to
admit that he had signed the Decⁿ himself.

I want to know if you was held such a
conversation with Mr P. and if so, the circumstances
from you. Cannot you write I have the original
paper subscribed by him sent to me? Do you know
anything further about Mr P.'s anti-slavery
sentiments before he went to N. O.?

Do write mine directly

Yours very truly

Eliza Tappan

New York Jan. 10/39.

Please send annexed
to Mr. Mahan immediately.

New York, Jan. 10/39

Dear Mrs Mahan,

I rec^d your letter. If you see Dr Nelson tell him I rec^d his, but long after it was written, I do not know where to send a reply. I will aid him all I can.

Mr Johnson will publish your articles, tho' he complains they are longer than you suggested. He would have published them before, but the proprietors thought, as so much had been published on the subject your articles had best be deferred a while.

Mr Parker asserts that you did not communicate with him for breaking the Lord's day on his arrival at C. nor suggest that his course was inconsistent with his former professions & facts. I want to know what you did say to him on his arrival at C. from Louisville. Let me have it without delay, as I am in the midst of my trial before the ~~Suprem~~ for Slandering Mr Parker.

Yours very truly
Lewis Tappan

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